Statement

High Court-wise details of vacancies of Judges

Sl.No.	High Court	Number of vacancies filled during the year					Vacancies as on
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	31.3.2007
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Allahabad	33	2	16	17	10	14
2	Andhra Pradesh	4	—	—	5	6	5
3	Bombay	3	8	5	5	8	6
4.	Calcutta	7	3	5	—	16	6
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	1	3	2	—	2
6.	Delhi	4	—	5	2	12	4
7.	Gauhati	3	2	6	—	6	2
8.	Gujarat	—	—	7	3	—	11
9.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	1	2	3	—
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	2	1	3	—	6
11	Jharkhand	7	—	1	—	4	2
12	Karnataka	4	8	2	4	4	7
13	Kerala	4	—	8	2	—	4
14	Madhya Pradesh	5	5	7	12	3	—
15	Madras	—	9	—	17	7	—
16	Orissa	1	1	5	—	1	6
17	Patna	3	1	4	4	13	1
18	Punjab & Haryana	7	—	8	—	13	5
19	Rajasthan	2	—	6	8	3	6
20.	Sikkim	—	—	1	—	—	—
21.	Uttaranchal	2	1	4	—	1	—
	TOTAL:	89	43	95	86	110	87

Amendments in Representation of People Act

†4175. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary Standing committee has recommended to carry out amendments in Representation of People Act, 1951 in order to keep criminals out of election;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Committee has suggested any proposal for amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government so far to carry out amendments in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice in its Eighteenth Report on Electoral Reforms (Disqualification of persons from contesting elections on framing of charges against them for certain offences) presented to the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 2007 has recommended that suitable amendments may be made in the Representation of the People Act, 1951, so that a proclaimed absconder, declared under section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Code, who willfully remains absconding for a reasonable period of time such as one year prior to the date revision of electoral rolls, may be considered for disqualification.

Suitable action on the recommendation of the Committee will be taken by the Government at an appropriate time, as part of overall process of reform of electoral laws.

Unnecessary Expenditure over D.V.B.

4176. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that CAG has recently indicted Election commissioner for inflicting an unnecessary expenditure of over one core on Delhi Vidyut Board as he employed large number of guards for his personal use when he was D.V.B. Chief;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction is this regard especially when an officer of high rank had misused his official position for his personal use?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.